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The Annex to the Commission's proposal (1) for a Council Regulation (EEC) concerning, for certain fish stocks occurring in the Community fishing zone, the fixing of the total allowable catches for 1981 and the conditions for taking these catches together with the shares available to the Community, as amended (2), shall be further amended by the replacement of the figures and footnotes set out in the Annex hereto for the species concerned and by the deletion from the proposal of the entry for Sandeel in ICES Divisions IIIa, IV.

(1) COM(80) 722 final of 13.11.1980

(2) COM(80) 881 final of 16.12.1980; COM(81) 16 final of 21.1.1981.

ANNEX

TACs by stock and by sector envisaged for 1981 - Proportions available to the Community.

Species	ICES Division or NAFO zone	TAC 1981 (in tonnes)	Proportions available to the Community for 1981
Cod	IIIb,c,d	120.000(xx)	86.500 (xxx)
Cod	XIV	8.000	8.000 (3)
Haddock	VII	3.800	3.800
Herring	IIIa North: Skagerrak	15.200	6.300(7)(8)(9)
Herring	IIIa South: Kattegat	37.800	18.900(7)(8)
Herring	IIIb,c,d	31.800 (xx)	27.800 (8)
Herring	IV, VIId (excl. Blackwater stock)	0	0(10)
Herring	IVc (Blackwater stock) (f)	60	60
Herring	VIa, incl. Donegal Bay, excl. Clyde	0	0(11)
Herring	VIa Clyde stock (a)	2.000	2.000(8)
Herring	VIIa (b) Mourne stock (c)	0	0(11)
Herring	VIIa (b) Manx stock (d)	6.000	6.000(8)(12)
Herring	VIIb,c (Donegal Bay excepted)	7.000(+)	7.000(8)
Herring	VIIe,f	0	0(11)
Herring	VIIg-k (e) (Bantry Bay excepted)	0	0(14)
Herring	VIIj Bantry Bay only)	6.000 (+)	6.000(8)

FOOTNOTES

xx Community zone only

xxx Plus 30.000t not yet allocated.

(+) Precautionary TAC

- (a) Maritime area situated to the north-east of a line drawn between the Mull of Kintyre and Corsewall Point.
- (b) ICES zone VIIa) is reduced by the zone added to the Celtic Sea bounded :
- to the north by latitude 52°30'N,
- to the south by latitude 52°00'N,
- to the west by the coast of Ireland,
- to the east by the coast of the United Kingdom.
- (c) Fishing prohibited within 12 miles zone from the base-lines off the east coast of Ireland and Northern Ireland between 53°00'N between 53°00'N and 55°00'N throughout the whole year.
- (d) Reference is to the herring stock in the Irish Sea (ICES zone VIIa) excluding the zones referred to in footnotes (b) and (c).
- (e) Increased by zone bounded:
- to the north by latitude 52°30'N,
- to the south by latitude 52°00'N,
- to the west by the coast of Ireland,
- to the east by the coast of the United Kingdom.
- (f) Maritime region of the Thames estuary between Felixstowe and North Foreland within 6 miles from the U.K. baselines.
- (3) By-catches of cod from this zone shall not exceed 10% by weight of catches of redfish by vessels which are trawling, 10% by weight of catches of halibut and Greenland halibut by vessels which are longlining and 3% by weight of other fish for which a TAC has been proposed. By-catches will be measured according to the provisions of Article 10 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2527/80 but may not be measured until at least 48 hours after a vessel has started fishing in Greenland waters.
When the proportion available to the Community is exhausted, no further by-catches may be landed. However, if quotas are adopted for 1981, by-catches may be landed only within the quotas.
- (7) Trawling and purse seining is prohibited in the Skagerrak from Saturday midnight to Sunday midnight and in the Kattegat from Friday midnight to Sunday midnight.
- (8) By-catches of herring shall not exceed 10% by weight of the catches of sprat and 5% by weight of the catches of other species.

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- (9) Fishing for herring is forbidden in the Skagerrak from 1 January to 31 March 1981 and from 1 October to 31 December 1981.
- (10) By-catches of herring shall be prohibited, except that in the fishery for mackerel and sprat the by-catches of herring shall not exceed 3% by weight of the catches of these species.
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- (12) Fishing for herring is forbidden in the Irish Sea (ICES division VIIa) throughout the whole year within 12 miles of the coasts of England, Scotland and Wales between latitudes 53°20'N and 55°00'N and from 22 September to 16 November 1981 in that part of the Irish Sea (ICES VIIa) north of latitude 52°30'N.
- (14) Ireland is authorized to carry out directed fishing for herring up to 1.000 tonnes by boats based in ports adjacent to this area, provided that the only method of fishing allowed is drift netting with nets the size of which is not less than 54 mm, stretched mesh, and subject to a licencing scheme to be approved by the Commission.
By-catches of herring shall be prohibited (see Art. 8 paragraph 4 of Council Regulation No. 2527/80).